

Serial No. 09/715,902
Docket No. PP01627.003

STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16, 18-23, 29-31, 33-44, 46, 50, and 52-54 are pending. For support for new claim 54 see, for example, claim 1. No new matter is added.

Rejection of Claims 1-16, 18-23, 29-31, 33-44, 46, 50, 52 and 53—35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-16, 18-23, 29-31, 33-44, 46, 50, 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Song et al. in view of Hedley et al. and Fattal et al.

In order not to burden the record, the remarks presented in applicant's previous response to the final Office Action are incorporated by reference. Those remarks are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1-16, 18-23, 29-31, 33-44, 46, 50, 52 and 53 as well as new claim 54, introduced above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance, notification of which is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (703) 433-0510 to resolve any outstanding issues in this case.

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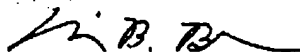
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